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1. The European residents of Hanoi have been lulled into a feeling of temporary security as a result of the failure of the Viet Minh to follow up their recent military victories immediately, and also as a result of the political and military reassurances of the French leaders recently in Tonkin. Many of the Vietnamese in Hanoi now concede that the present military status quo may continue for months with the French maintaining their line in the Tonkin delta.
2. The Viet Minh intends to withdraw forces from the area north of Hanoi in November and December and shift them eastward to the area between Hanoi, Haiphong, and the sea.

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